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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: CORE GROUP MEETING AUGUST 16

REF: (A) USUN 3255, (B) USUN 3211, (C) USUN 3093

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: KOREA CORE GROUP MET AT WORKING-LEVEL
AUGUST 16 AT BELGIAN MISSION UNDER ROK CHAIRMAN. COSTA
RICA WAS ABSENT. IN LIGHT OF HOSTILE ITEM AND RESOLUTION
SUBMITTED MORNING AUGUST 16, GROUP DECIDED, AD REFERENDUM,
ON INSERTION IN FRIENDLY EXPLANATORY MEMOR-
ANDUM OF SENTENCE REFLECTING HOSTILE SUBMISSION. GROUP
ALSO AGREED ON INVITING POTENTIAL FRIENDLY CO-SPONSORS
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TO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 WITH GOAL OF GETTING

ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS FOR SUBMISSION IF POSSIBLE, OF FRIENDLY ITEM AND RESOLUTION ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20. CORE GROUP ALSO DECIDED TO MEET AT 1600 TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, TO GET FINAL APPROVAL OF DRAFT ITEM, EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AND RESOLUTION, AS WELL AS CONFIRMATION OF CORE GROUP MEMBERS' CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN LIGHT OF SUBMISSION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION AUGUST 16 (REF A), CORE GROUP DECIDED, AD REFERENDUM TO CAPITALS, ON FOLLOWING ADDITION AT END OF PARA 4 OF DRAFT FRIENDLY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM (REF C): "INDEED, THE ONLY RESPONSE OF ANY KIND HAS BEEN THE SUBMISSION ON AUGUST 16 OF ANOTHER CONFRONTATIONAL DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

3. ON BALANCE, CORE GROUP CONSIDERED IT DESIRABLE TO INSCRIBE FRIENDLY ITEM UNDER RULE 14 ("SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS") RATHER THAN RULE 15("ADDITIONAL ITEMS") OF "RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY." DURING MEETING ROK CHAIRMAN REEMPHASIZED ROK DESIRE TO SEEK DEFERMENT OF DEBATE. AS A RESULT, GROUP SAW MARGINAL ADVANTAGE FOR INSCRIPTION UNDER RULE 14 RATHER THAN UNDER RULE 15 WHICH CONCERNS "ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF AN IMPORTANT AND URGENT CHARACTER..." INSCRIPTION UNDER RULE 14 WOULD NEED TO BE DONE AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE OPENING OF UNGA, I.E. BY AUGUST 21.

4. CORE GROUP CONSIDERED THAT EMERGING COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR SO AS TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE THAT FRIENDLY ITEM WOULD BE RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION. ON OTHER HAND, COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR TO ENABLE REASONABLY RELIABLE PREDICTION REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESSFUL DEFERMENT ACTION.

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5. GROUP DECIDED TO SCHEDULE AMBASSADORIAL - LEVEL MEETING OF POTENTIAL CO-SPONSORS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 10:30 AM. THOSE INVITED WOULD INCLUDE 1975 FRIENDLY CO-SPONSORS PLUS ASEANS, AUSTRALIA, ICELAND, NORWAY, GREECE AND TURKEY. HOPEFULLY, CANADIAN MISSION WOULD BE VENUE, BUT AS OF EVENING AUGUST 16, CANADIAN MISSION DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO CO-SPONSORSHIP OF

FRIENDLY DRAFTS. JAPANESE INDICATED THAT DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WOULD MAKE IT AWKWARD FOR THEM TO HOST THE MEETING.

6. GROUP CONSIDERED IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE BROADER BASE OF CO-SPONSORS THAN CORE GROUP ALONE. ACCORDINGLY, THERE WAS VIEW THAT, IF LATER SUBMISSION OF FRIENDLY ITEM MIGHT ENABLE SOME AFRICANS AND OTHERS TO JOIN IN CO-SPONSORSHIP, IT MIGHT PAY IN THE END TO WAIT AND INSCRIBE UNDER RULE 15.

7. CORE GROUP WILL MEET AT 1600 ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, IN ORDER TO HEAR FINAL COMMENTS ON FRIENDLY DRAFTS AND HAVE FULLY FIRM WORD OF CO-SPONSORSHIP FROM ALL CORE GROUP MEMBERS. ON AUGUST 16, MOST EXPRESSED READINESS TO CO-SPONSOR BUT SEVERAL, SUCH AS CANADA, LACKED FINAL WORD.

8. DURING MEETING, US POINTED OUT THAT SUBMISSION OF CONFRONTATIONAL HOSTILE RESOLUTION SHOULD OFFER FRESH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDLY LOBBYING EFFORTS. THERE WAS NO DISSENT ON THIS AND GROUP SEEMED NOTABLY COHESIVE IN WAKE OF HOSTILE SUBMISSION.
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